House Rent Allowance to Government servants sharing accommodation allotted to parents

@857. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wards of Government servants are not granted House Rent Allowance who share accommodation allotted to their parents;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government servants sharing accommodation with other Government servants are granted House Rent allowance;

(c) whether Government have received any representation to remove this anomaly;

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon;

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to grant House Rent Allowance to the wards of the Government servants who are sharing accommodations with their parents; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Under the extant rules a Government servant shall not be entitled to House Rent Allowances if he/she resides in accommodation allotted to his/her parents by the Central Government, State Government, an autonomous public undertaking or Semi Govt. Organisation such as a Municipality. Port Trust, Nationalised Banks, Life Insurance Corporation of India etc.

(b) A Government servant who shares private accommodation hired or owned with other Govt. servants including his/her parents/son/daughter/spouse can be paid House Rent Allowance, if otherwise admissible. However, a Government servant who shares Government accommodation allotted to Government servants other than his/her parents/son/daughter/spouse can be paid House Rent Allowance, if otherwise admissible only if the accommodation is not rent free.

(c) No representations have been received in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) No proposal for grant of House Rent Allowance to a Government servant sharing Government accommodation allotted to his/her parents is under consideration as there is little justification for grant of House Rent Allowance in such cases.

Request for New Wage Board Chairman for journalists and non-journalists

858. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of PTI Employees' Unions and Indian Federation of Working Journalists have requested Government to restructure the Wage Board for journalists and non-journalists with a new Chairman; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to have a new Chairman of the Wage Boards.

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